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Response to Restriction Requirement

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 10) in response to the Restriction

Requirement of October 21, 2003. Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement to the extent of requesting reinstatement of the non-elected claims should a special technical feature be found.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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